

# Commodity Supplemental Food Program Health and Social Services Referral Information

# Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

• WIC is a nutrition education, health promotion and supplemental food program to assist women, infants and children who have nutritional needs. Benefits include: nutrition education guidance for women and their children at no cost, breastfeeding education and support, nutritious foods to supplement your diet, such as cheese, milk, eggs, and cereal, at no cost, and referrals for health care.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Individuals MAY NOT participate in WIC and CSFP at the same time.

For more information call 1-800-392-8209 or visit <a href="http://www.dhss.mo.gov/wic">http://www.dhss.mo.gov/wic</a>.

# **Child Support Enforcement (CSE):**

 CSE's responsibilities include locating parents, establishing paternity, establishing child and medical support orders, monitoring and enforcing compliance with child and medical support orders, and distributing support collections.

Call CSE toll free at 1-800-859-7999 for more information.

## **Food Stamps**

• Eligible households receive an allotment of food benefits that may be used to purchase any food or food products prepared for human consumption except for alcoholic beverages and tobacco, hot foods, or foods prepared for immediate consumption. Foods may be purchased using the food stamp benefits from any grocery or retail store anywhere in the U.S. that has been authorized by USDA.

Call the local Family Support Division Office or go to http://www.dss.mo.gov/fsd/fstamp.

### MC+ for Kids – Missouri's Health Insurance Program for Children

• MC+ for Kids, part of the federal Children's Health Insurance Program is a health insurance program for uninsured children of low-income families who do not have access to affordable health insurance. Uninsured children, ages birth to 19, whose gross family income is up to 300% of the federal poverty level are eligible.

For more information, call 1-888-275-5908.

### Medicaid

The Medicaid program provides medical services to persons who meet eligibility requirements as
determined by the Family Support Division. The goals of the program are to promote good health, to
prevent illness and premature death, correct or limit disability, to treat illness, and to provide
rehabilitation to persons with disabilities.

For more information, call 1-800-392-2161

# **Temporary Assistance**

• The Temporary Assistance Program provides assistance to needy families with children so they can be cared for in their own home. The program reduces dependency by promoting job preparation, work and marriage. Funds may also be used to prevent non-marital pregnancies and encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

For more information, contact the Family Support Division at 1-800-392-1261

## **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**

SSI pays monthly benefits to people who are 65 and older, or blind, or have a disability and who don't
own much or have a lot of income. Many people who get SSI are also eligible to receive Food Stamps
and Medicaid benefits.

To apply, visit your local Social Security Office or call 1-800-772-1213.

### Medicare

• Medicare provides health insurance to persons aged 65 and over, disabled persons under the age of 65 whom have received social security disability cash benefits for at least 24 months, and persons with end stage renal disease (ESRD). Part A of Medicare covers inpatient hospitalizations, short term skilled nursing facility care, home health, and hospice care for the terminally ill. Part B covers physician's services, outpatient hospital care, therapy, ambulance transportation, lab and x-ray services, durable medical equipment, and home health services. Various deductibles and cost sharing amounts are the responsibility of the beneficiary or any supplemental insurance they may have. Medicare benefits can be received through a fee-for-service system or managed care plans in some areas of the state.

For more information call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or visit <a href="www.medicare.gov">www.medicare.gov</a>.

## **Energy Assistance Program**

 The Missouri Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is designed to help pay heating bills for those Missourians in need of assistance during the months of December, January, February, and March. Applications for the program are accepted by the Family Support Division from November through March. To qualify, you must be responsible for paying heating costs and meet specific income guidelines based on household size.

For more information call 1-800-392-1261.

#### TEL-LINK 1-800-835-5465

Tel-Link can connect you to services for: Family planning, prenatal care, parenting, sexually transmitted diseases, immunizations, alcohol and drug abuse, sexual assault or rape, family violence, pregnancy/infant loss, adoption, counseling, children with special health care needs, well-child clinics and more.

## **Other Important Numbers:**

Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline – 1-800-392-3738 Aging Information Hotline – 1-800-235-5503 Parental Stress Helpline – 1-800-367-2543 Elderly Abuse or Neglect Hotline – 1-800-392-0210